



Hopewell Avenue Public School Council

ParentSpeak

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The next Council meeting is on December 9 at 7 pm in the school library.

Chair's Corner (Tina Daniels)

I am thrilled to be the new Chair of Hopewell School Council and I know I have big shoes to fill after Sara Adam's term as Chair for the past two years.

I encourage all parents to come out to Council meetings and see how we are enhancing school life for our children. This year we have struck several committees to accomplish all the work that needs to be done. This includes: an Allergy Committee, Safe and Caring Schools Committee, Playground Committee, Budget Committee and a Technology Committee (New). Please visit Council's website for the mandates of each of these committees and if you would like to join one of them please e-mail me at tina_daniels@carleton.ca

Grocery Coupon Fundraiser:

We need more families to sign-up for Pre-Paid Grocery Cards to make this fundraiser a success.

How it works: You simply purchase monthly 'pre-paid' grocery cards from Hopewell Council and use them to buy your groceries as usual. These President's Choice cards are like cash and can be used at any Loblaws, SuperStore, No Frills, Valu-mart, Zehrs, Provigo, Fortino, NG or Your Independent Grocer. With more families participating, Hopewell would get a much larger return on its order each month - up to 5%.

What do I have to do? Send in, through your child's teacher, monthly post-dated cheques for the amounts you want, and then pick-up your pre-paid grocery cards at "McDonough's Your Independent Grocer" located at Billings Bridge. These cards can be used at any of the stores mentioned above; McDonough's is just a convenient pick-up location. Sign-up forms are located on Council's website or you can contact Denise Inglis at deninglis@rogers.com. (Orders for December cards must be received by Dec.1)

3, 2, 1 Blast Off to Space Camp..

Hopewell's Grade 6 Students will be heading to the Cosmodome's 3 Day Space Camp from March 4-6, 2009. This trip offers the students unique opportunities for interactive and investigative learning in the area of space sciences and is directly linked to the Grade 6 Ontario science curriculum. The costs for the camp are offset by a comprehensive fundraising plan which includes: selling monogrammed Hopewell stainless steel water bottles; a shopping night at Kaleidoscope Kids' Books on December 9 where 15% of all the sales will be directed to the Space Camp fundraising campaign; and selling fresh beautifully decorated holiday wreaths. All Hopewell parents and students are encouraged to support these fundraisers and assist the Grade 6 students in their trip to Space Camp.

The water bottle order form is attached to ParentSpeak.

Kaleidoscope Books For Hopewell:

Shop Tuesday, December 9 from 5pm - 8pm

Kaleidoscope Kids' Books is donating 15% of its sales on the evening of Tuesday, December 9th to help fund Space Camp. Here's a great chance to get some names crossed off your holiday shopping list and support a fun and educational opportunity for our Grade Six students.

To encourage students to take part in this year's fundraising initiatives the store's basement will be turned into a **Kid's Bazaar** with Grade Six students selling crafts, baking and services to raise additional funds. If you're a Grade Six student or parent who would like to be involved in the Bazaar, please e-mail Kelly Harrison at: quellley@rogers.com.

Kaleidoscope Kids' Books is located right across the street from the school at **1115 Bank Street**.

We're On The Web:

Get regular updates regarding Council's activities by visiting Council's new website located at **www.hopewellschoolcouncil.com**. On this site you will find important school dates, valuable resources, and ways to become involved in School Council activities.

Collecting Parent E-mail Addresses

Council is committed to saving paper and time while maintaining regular communication with parents.

Starting in January 2009 ParentSpeak will be distributed by e-mail only. If you have not already done so, please send your:

- Name and e-mail address
- Child's name, grade and teacher

To **parentspeak@gmail.com**

Your e-mail will not be distributed to any third party.

New Technology Committee

School Council has formed a NEW Technology Committee. This Committee will draw on technological expertise within the Hopewell parent community to support teachers and students in the use of computers as an educational tool and in the safe use of internet resources.

A Committee Coordinator will liaise with teachers to determine needs of staff and students and will maintain a roster of parent volunteers who can provide technical support during computer lab classes and/or after school. The full committee mandate can be found at **www.hopewellschoolcouncil.com**.

Share your expertise with Hopewell students and staff by volunteering with hardware trouble shooting or software tutorials. To volunteer, contact Susan Barbatbun at **sbarbatbun@yahoo.ca**, indicating your availability and speciality.

Allergy Committee Update:

On behalf of children with food allergies at Hopewell (and their parents), the Hopewell Allergy Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all students and parents for their continued support and assistance throughout the year in keeping foods containing nuts and peanuts out of Hopewell.

As you know, severe life-threatening food allergies (anaphylaxis) are medical conditions that causes severe reactions to specific foods. By not sending peanut/nut products to school you have made a huge contribution to the safety of food allergic children. As we approach the holidays, we ask for your continued vigilance with regard to ingredients in food and treats sent in to school, and remind you to check with your child's teacher for any other food allergies in their classroom, if you send in food to share.

If you are interested in more information regarding food allergies or are interested in working with the allergy committee in any capacity, please feel free to contact us at **parentspeak@gmail.com**. We would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday season, and thanks again. *Hopewell Allergy Committee, Karen Goodrich & Alison Fines, Co-chairs.*

Parent Resource Room

The room beside the school library is now the new location for the Parent Resource Room. It is stocked with books that parents can borrow on various parenting topics. For a full list of the titles please visit **www.hopewellschoolcouncil.com**.



Mark Your Calendars

Pizza Lunch: December 12

PD Day: December 5

Parent Teacher Interviews: December 4 & 5

Kaleidoscope Books Shopping Night: December 9